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# AD2 TRANSMITTER USER GUIDE



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## Important Product Information

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### LICENSING INFORMATION

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**Note:** EMC conformance testing is based on the use of supplied and recommended cable types. The use of other cable types may degrade EMC performance.

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**WARNING:** Danger of explosion if battery incorrectly replaced. Operate only with Shure compatible batteries.

**Note:** Use only with the included power supply or a Shure-approved equivalent.

### WARNING

- Battery packs may explode or release toxic materials. Risk of fire or burns. Do not open, crush, modify, disassemble, heat above 140°F (60°C), or incinerate.
- Follow instructions from manufacturer
- Only use Shure charger to recharge Shure rechargeable batteries
- **WARNING:** Danger of explosion if battery incorrectly replaced. Replace only with same or equivalent type.
- Never put batteries in mouth. If swallowed, contact your physician or local poison control center
- Do not short circuit; may cause burns or catch fire
- Do not charge or use battery packs other than Shure rechargeable batteries
- Dispose of battery packs properly. Check with local vendor for proper disposal of used battery packs.
- Batteries (battery pack or batteries installed) shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like

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# AD2 Handheld Transmitter

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The AD2 handheld transmitter delivers ultra-linear RF performance for more channels on-air and superb audio quality in even the most challenging RF environments. Advanced power management supports extended battery life and provides unmatched reliability. Rugged construction and interchangeable cartridges offer a combination of durability and flexibility to meet the needs of professional audio.

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## Features

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- Ultra-linear RF performance enables more channels on-air
- IR Sync function automatically tunes transmitter to the receiver frequency
- Shure lithium-ion rechargeable battery delivers up to 9 hours of runtime from a single charge
- Advanced control menu to adjust frequency and audio settings from the transmitter
- Lockable user interface prevents accidental or inadvertent changes to controls once settings are made

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## Included Components

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Rechargeable lithium-ion battery (2)	
Transmitter carrying case	95A15475
Zipper bag	26A14
Microphone stand adaptor	WA371

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## Optional Accessories

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Rechargeable lithium-ion battery	
Portable handheld charging station	
1-AA battery carrier for handheld transmitter	
Microphone stand adapter	WA371

### Choice of (1) of the following Shure microphone cartridges:

<b>SM58</b> (RPW112)	<b>KSM9 Champagne</b> (RPW180)
<b>BETA 87C</b> (RPW122)	<b>BETA 87A</b> (RPW120)
<b>BETA 58A</b> (RPW 118)	<b>KSM9 Black</b> (RPW184)

### Optional Shure microphone cartridges:

**SM58** (RPW112)  
**SM86** (RPW114)  
**SM87A** (RPW116)  
**BETA 58A** (RPW118)  
**BETA 87A** (RPW120)  
**BETA 87C** (RPW122)  
**VP68** (RPW124)  
**KSM9 Champagne** (RPW180)  
**KSM9HS Champagne** (RPW182)  
**KSM9 Black** (RPW184)  
**KSM9HS Black** (RPW186)

# Transmitters

## ① Microphone Cartridge

See Optional Accessories for a list of compatible cartridges.

## ② Display:

View menu screens and settings. Press any control button to activate the backlight.

## ③ Infrared (IR) Port

Align with the receiver IR port during an IR Sync for automated transmitter programming.

## ④ Menu Navigation Buttons

Use to navigate through parameter menus and change values.

## ⑤ Battery Compartment

Requires Shure SB900 rechargeable battery or 2 AA batteries.

## ⑥ AA Battery Adapter

Remove to accommodate a Shure SB900 battery

## ⑦ On/Off Switch

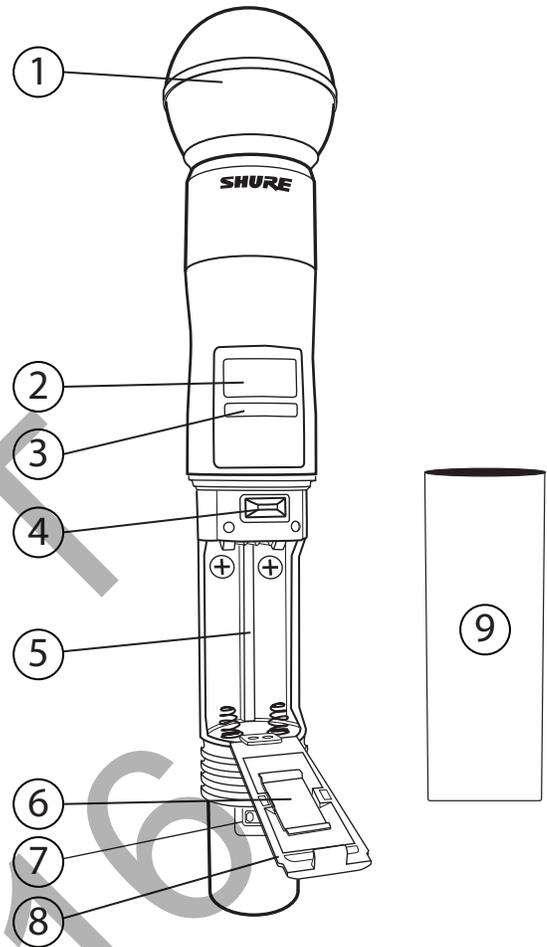
Powers the unit on or off.

## ⑧ Battery Door

Latch to secure batteries

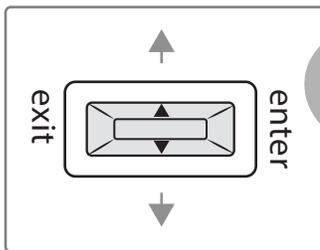
## ⑨ Handle

Unscrew to access controls and batteries



# Transmitter Controls

Use to navigate through parameter menus and change values.



**exit** Acts as a 'back' button to return to previous menus or parameters without confirming a value change

**enter** Enters menu screens and confirms parameter changes

**∨∧** Use to scroll through menu screens and to change parameter values

# Locking the Controls

Lock transmitter controls to prevent accidental or unauthorized changes to parameters. The lock icon is shown on the home screen when the control lock is enabled.

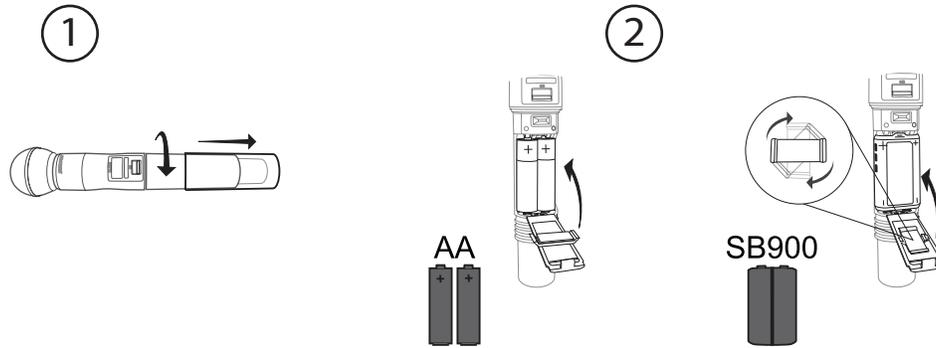
1. From the **Utilities** menu, navigate to **Lock** and selection one of the following:

- **Yes**: Locks the controls
- **No**: Unlocks the controls

2. Press **enter** to save.

To quickly unlock a transmitter: Press **enter**, select **Yes**, and press **enter**.

# Battery Installation



## ① Accessing the Battery Compartment

Unscrew the cover on the transmitter as shown to access the battery compartment.

## ② Installing Batteries

- **AA Batteries:** Place batteries (note polarity markings) and AA Adaptor as shown
  - **Shure SB900 Battery:** Place battery as shown (note polarity markings), stow AA Adaptor in door for handheld transmitter
- Note:** If using AA batteries, set the battery type using the transmitter menu.

## Setting the AA Battery Type

To ensure accurate display of transmitter runtime, set the battery type in the transmitter menu to match the installed AA battery type. If a Shure SB900 rechargeable battery is installed, selecting a battery type is not necessary and the battery type menu will not be displayed.

1. Press the **menu** button to navigate to the battery icon.
2. Use the **▼▲** buttons to select the installed battery type:
  - **Alkaline** = Alkaline
  - **NiMH** = Nickel Metal Hydride
  - **Lithium** = Lithium
3. Press **enter** to save.

Battery Info  
Chem: Alkaline

Battery Info  
Chem: NiMH

Battery Info  
Chem: Lithium

## Shure SB900 Rechargeable Battery

Shure SB900 lithium-ion batteries offer a rechargeable option for powering the transmitters. Batteries quickly charge to 50% capacity in one hour and reach full charge within three hours.

Single chargers and multiple bay chargers are available to recharge the Shure batteries.

**Caution:** Only charge Shure rechargeable batteries with a Shure battery charger.

## Shure SB900 Runtime

1 mW	10 mW	20 mW
>11 hours	>11 hours	>7 hour

## Checking Battery Info

When using an SB900 rechargeable battery, the receiver and transmitter home screens display the number of hours and minutes remaining.

Detailed information for the SB900 is displayed in the receiver **Batt Info** menu and the transmitter menu: **Utilities > Batt Info**

- **Time:** Battery runtime
- **Health:** Percentage of current battery health
- **Charge:** Percentage of charge
- **Cycles:** Record of the number of charging cycles for the installed battery
- **Temp:** Battery temperature in Fahrenheit and Celsius
- **mAh:** Remaining mAh for the installed battery

## Important Tips for Care and Storage of Shure Rechargeable Batteries

Proper care and storage of Shure batteries results in reliable performance and ensures a long lifetime.

- Always store batteries and transmitters at room temperature
- Ideally, batteries should be charged to approximately 40% of capacity for long-term storage
- During storage, check batteries every 6 months and recharge to 40% of capacity as needed

For additional rechargeable battery information, visit [www.shure.com](http://www.shure.com).

# AA Batteries and Transmitter Runtime

Transmitters are compatible with the following AA battery types:

- Alkaline
- Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)
- Lithium Primary

A 5-segment battery indicator representing the charge level of the transmitter battery is displayed on the screens of the transmitter and receiver. The following tables contain the approximate remaining transmitter runtime in hours:minutes.

## Alkaline Batteries: Up to 9 Hours of Runtime

Battery Indicator	Approximate Runtime Remaining (hours:minutes)
	9:30 to 7:30
	7:30 to 5:30
	5:30 to 3:30
	3:30 to 2:30
	2:30 to 1:30
	< 0:30

## NiMH Batteries: Up to 10 Hours of Runtime

Battery Indicator	Approximate Runtime Remaining (hours:minutes)
	10:00 to 8:00
	8:00 to 6:00
	6:00 to 4:00
	4:00 to 2:00
	2:00 to 0:20
	0:20 to 0:00

## Lithium Primary Batteries: Up to 16 Hours of Runtime

Battery Indicator	Approximate Runtime Remaining (hours:minutes)
	16:00 to 12:45
	12:45 to 9:30
	9:30 to 6:30
	6:30 to 3:15
	3:15 to 0:20
	0:20 to 0:00

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# Main Menu Parameters

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The **MainMenu** organizes the available transmitter parameters into three categories:

- **Radio**
- **Audio**
- **Utilities**

To change a parameter, press the **enter** button to enable editing and use the arrow buttons to change values or settings. When finished, press **enter** to save.

## Radio Menu

### Group and Channel

Press the enter button to enable editing of a group (**G:**) or channel (**C:**). Use the arrow buttons to adjust the values.

### Frequency

Press the enter button once to edit the first 3 digits, or twice to edit the second 3 digits.

### RF Power

Higher power settings can extend the range of the transmitter.

### RF Output

- On: RF signal is active
- Mute: RF signal is inactive

## Audio Menu

### MicOffset

Adjust Mic Offset level to balance mic levels when using two bodypacks for frequency diversity.

### Pad

Adjust the pad to avoid overloading the audio input.

### PolarityPos

Selectable polarity assignment for LEMO connector transmitters:

- **Pos:** Positive pressure on microphone diaphragm produces positive voltage on pin 2 (with respect to pin 3 of XLR output) and the tip of the TRS output.
- **Neg:** Positive pressure on microphone diaphragm produces negative voltage on pin 2 (with respect to pin 3 of XLR output) and the tip of the TRS output.

### MuteMode

When enabled, the power switch is configured as a mute switch for the audio:

- Power switch on: audio signal on
- Power switch off: audio signal muted

### Tone

Transmitter will generate a continuous test tone. The tone can be set to 400 Hz or 1000 Hz.

### Level

When enabled, allows for adjustment of the output level of the test tone.

## Utilities Menu

### Device ID

Assign a device ID of up to 9 letters or numbers.

### Lock

Locks the transmitter controls and power switch.

### DropMark

When enabled, press the enter button to drop a marker in Wireless Workbench or Shure ChannelsPlus.

### Versions

Displays transmitter information:

- **FW:** Installed firmware
- **HW:** Hardware version
- **SN:** Serial number

### Batt Info

Displays battery information:

- **Time:** Battery runtime
- **Health:** Percentage of current battery health
- **Charge:** Percentage of charge
- **Cycles:** Record of the number of charging cycles for the installed battery
- **Temp:** Battery temperature in Fahrenheit and Celsius
- **mAh:** Remaining mAh for the installed battery

### Reset All

Restores all transmitter parameters to factory settings.

## Tips for Editing Menu Parameters

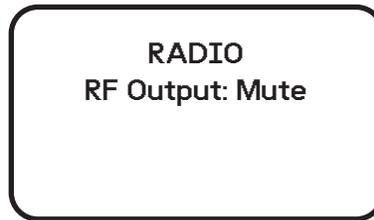
- To access the menu options from the home screen, press the **enter** button. Each additional press of the **enter** button advances to the next menu screen.
- A menu parameter will blink when editing is enabled
- To increase, decrease or change a parameter, use the arrow buttons
- To save a menu change, press **enter**
- To exit a menu without saving a change, press **exit**

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## RF Mute

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RF Mute prevents transmission of the audio by suppressing the RF signal, while allowing the transmitter to remain powered-on. The message RF Mute is shown on the home screen.



1. From the **Radio** menu, navigate to **RF Output**.
2. Choose one of the following options:
  - **On**: RF signal is active
  - **Mute**: RF signal is disabled
3. Press **enter** to save.

Turning the transmitter off and on, or replacing the battery will restore **RF Output** to **On**.

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## Power-on RF Mute

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Power-on RF Mute places the transmitter in RF Mute mode immediately when turned on.

- Starting with the transmitter off, press and hold the **exit** button, and then switch on the power
- Continue to hold the **exit** button until the **RF Muted** message appears on the home screen

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## Tx Overload

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The Tx Overload message is displayed when the audio input of the transmitter experiences an overload.

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## Scan and Sync

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Use this procedure to tune a receiver and transmitter to the best open channel.

**Important!** Before you begin:

**Turn off** all transmitters for the systems you are setting up. (This prevents them from interfering with the frequency scan.)

**Turn on** the following potential sources of interference so they are operating as they would be during the presentation or performance (the scan will detect and avoid any interference they generate).

- Other wireless systems or devices
- Computers
- CD players
- Large LED panels
- Effects processors

1. Press the channel number button to select a receiver channel.
2. Power on the transmitter.
3. Press the **sync** button on the receiver.
4. Align the IR windows until the receiver IR port illuminates red.

**Note:** When complete, **SyncSuccess!** appears. The transmitter and receiver are now tuned to the same frequency.

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## Updating Firmware

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Firmware is embedded software in each component that controls functionality. Periodically, new versions of firmware are developed to incorporate additional features and enhancements. To take advantage of design improvements, new versions of the firmware can be uploaded and installed using the Firmware Update Manager tool available in Shure's Wireless Workbench® 6 (WWB6) software. Software is available for download from <http://www.shure.com/wwb>.

### Firmware Versioning

When updating receiver firmware, update transmitters to the same firmware version to ensure consistent operation.

The firmware of all ULX-D devices has the form of MAJOR.MINOR.PATCH (e.g., 1.2.14). At a minimum, all devices on the network (including transmitters), must have the same MAJOR and MINOR firmware version numbers (e.g., 1.2.x).

### Updating the Transmitter

1. To upload the firmware to the transmitter, go to **Device Configuration > Tx Firmware Update** on the receiver.
2. Place the transmitter on its side and align the IR ports.
3. Press **ENTER** on the receiver to begin the download to the transmitter. IR ports must be aligned for the entire download, which can take 50 seconds or longer.

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# Specifications

## Audio Input

### Configuration

Unbalanced

### Impedance

>30 k $\Omega$

### Maximum Input Level

1 kHz at 1% THD

gain	-10 to +11 dB	5.5 dBu
	+12 to +32 dB	-6.5 dBu

### RF Carrier Frequency Range

470–814 MHz

Note: varies by region

### Working Range

Under typical conditions	150 m (500 ft)
Line of Sight, outdoors for a single system	500 m (1600 ft)

Note: Actual range depends on RF signal absorption, reflection and interference.

### Audio Frequency Response

40 Hz – 18 kHz (+1, -3 dB)

Note: Dependent on microphone type

### RF Tuning Step Size

25 kHz

### Modulation

45 kHz max. deviation

FM, Audio Reference Companding with pre- and de-emphasis

### Signal-to-Noise Ratio

A-weighted, 1% THD, referenced at 0 dB setting on transmitter

>113 dB

### Total Harmonic Distortion

45 kHz max. deviation

<0.3%, A-weighted, typical

### System Audio Polarity

Positive pressure on microphone diaphragm (or positive voltage applied to tip of WA302 phone plug) produces positive voltage on pin 2 (with respect to pin 3 of low-impedance output) and the tip of the high impedance 1/4-inch output.

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### Gain Adjustment Range

-10 to +32 dB (in 1 dB steps)

### Battery Type

Shure SB900 (Rechargeable Li-Ion)

### Battery Life

Up to 9 hours (low power mode, Single Carrier Mode)

### Dimensions

261 mm x 37 mm (10.3 in. x 2.6 in.) L x Dia.

### Weight

395 g (13.9 oz.), with batteries

### Housing

Machined aluminum

### Operating Temperature Range

-18°C (0°F) to 63°C (145°F)

Note: Battery characteristics may limit this range.

### Storage Temperature Range

-29°C (-20°F) to 74°C (165°F)

Note: Battery characteristics may limit this range.

## RF Output

### Connector

SMA (UHF and ShowLink); Shell=Ground, Center=Signal

### Antenna Type

Integrated Dual Band Helical

### Power

See Frequency Range and Output Power table

### Impedance

50  $\Omega$

## Frequency Bands and Transmitter RF Power

Band	Frequency Range (MHz)	RF Power (mW)
G1	470 to 530	10/100
G1E	470 to 530	10/50
G7C	470 to 510	10/50
G12	479 to 530	10/20
G19	470 to 530	2/10
H4	518 to 578	10/100
H4E	518 to 578	10/50
H12	518 to 565	10/20
H18	518 to 578	2/10
J5	578 to 638	10/100
J5E	578 to 638	10/50
J5HK	578 to 638	10
J12	578 to 638	2/10
K4E	606 to 666	10/50
L3	638 to 698	10/100
L3E	638 to 698	10/50
L20	638 to 698	2/10
M8	666 to 730	10/50
MA24	779 to 806	10
MJBX	806 to 810	10
P8	710 to 790	10/50
P9	710 to 787	10/50
Q5	740 to 814	10/50
R16	794 to 806	10/50

# Certifications

Meets essential requirements of the following European Directives:

- R&TTE Directive 99/5/EC
  - WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC, as amended by 2008/34/EC
  - RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC, as amended by 2008/35/EC
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Meets requirements of the following standards: EN 300 328, EN 300 422 Parts 1 and 2, EN 301 489 Parts 1 and 9, EN60065.

Certified under FCC Part 15 and FCC Part 74.

Certified in Canada by IC to RSS-123 and RSS-210.

**Industry Canada ICES-003 Compliance Label:** CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3(B)

This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed below with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

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Certified under FCC Part 74.

Certified by IC in Canada under RSS-123 and RSS-102.

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